

# **Finding Aid of the Zimmerman Family Papers PC.2056**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	State Archives of North Carolina
<b>Creator</b>	Zimmerman, David C. , 1842-pre1903
<b>Creator</b>	Zimmerman, David, 1799-1857
<b>Creator</b>	Zimmerman, Hartley, 1840-1910
<b>Creator</b>	Zimmerman, Margaret, 1805-1879
<b>Title</b>	Zimmerman Family Papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1757-1883
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>David Zimmerman (1799-1857) and his wife, Margaret (1805-1879), owned a farm in eastern Burke County near the Icard community. Among their six children, the three boys served as Confederate soldiers in the Civil War. Hartley and David were both wounded in combat and later paroled, while Israel was taken prisoner and died of his wounds in a federal hospital. In addition to farming the Zimmerman family operated a distillery. David Zimmerman owned one slave in 1850, a 15 year-old girl named Peggy, whom he bought in 1843.</p>
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Zimmerman Family Papers consist of correspondence; bills, receipts and promissory notes; records of deeds and land, a distillery business, and estates; slave papers; Civil War military papers; oaths of allegiance; tax receipts; vital records; and miscellaneous papers.</p>

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## Biographical and Historical Note

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David Zimmerman (1799-1857) and his wife, Margaret (1805-1879) owned a farm in eastern Burke County near the Icard community. Among their six children, the three boys served as Confederate soldiers in the Civil War. Hartley and David C., soldiers in Company K, 35th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry, were both wounded at the Battle of Plymouth (North Carolina). Hartley (1840-1910) was shot in the right arm below the elbow. He was later paroled at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on April 10 1865. David C. (1842-pre-1903) who was shot in the left wrist and struck by a shell fragment was released from the federal Civil War military prison at Point Lookout, Maryland on June 22, 1865. Israel (1828-1863) a soldier in Company F, 26th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry was wounded in the knee at the Battle of Gettysburg. He was taken prisoner and died of his wounds in a federal hospital on July 24, 1863.

The other children of David and Margaret were three girls: Elizabeth (1827- ) married Cain Mathis; Rebecca (1836- ) married William Knox; and Catherine (1846-1885) married Sidney Berry. David Zimmerman owned one slave in 1850, a 15 year old girl named, Peggy whom he bought in 1843. Both David and Margaret are buried in the Friendship Methodist Church Cemetery located at Connelly Springs in Burke County.

For a while David C. lived in Alabama and Tennessee doing railroad and timber work, but later returned to Icard where he married Martha S. Taylor in 1880 and farmed until his death. David C. is buried in the Old Hildebrand Cemetery in Burke County. After the war Hartley Zimmerman returned to Burke County where he continued to farm. He was married twice: first to Lillie Williams in 1890; and later to Merya Lail in 1904. Hartley is buried in the Friendship Methodist Church Cemetery along with his parents and second wife.

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## Collection Overview

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The Zimmerman Family Papers consists of materials created and collected by David and Margaret Zimmerman and their son's Hartley and David C. The earliest records are tax receipts and deeds for land in Burke County. Correspondence combined with Civil War military records and post antebellum papers tell the story of both Hartley and David C. Zimmerman's Confederate medical military service. Among these documents are parole papers and signed Oaths of Allegiance. Evidence of a distillery business run by the family is included as early as 1797 through 1867. There are a few slave papers: a bill of sale for an eight year-old girl; and a receipt for a man named Isaac to trade for goods on his own account. Of particular interest, David Zimmerman owned one slave in 1850, a 15 year-old girl named Peggy, whom he bought in 1843. Other papers directly related to the family include estate records, vital records for several family members, promissory notes and receipts. There is an 1872 presidential campaign ticket

issued by the Democratic Party. A few documents in the collection such as some correspondence, notes, and deeds are have no discernible or obvious relationship to the Zimmerman family.

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## **Collection Arrangement**

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This collection is organized by record type and is generally in chronological order.

Four series: correspondence; Deeds, Land, and Estate Records; Military Records; Miscellaneous Records

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Burke County (N.C.)

### Personal Name(s)

- Hart, Jacob
- Knox, William H.
- Zimmerman, David C. , 1842-pre1903
- Zimmerman, David, 1799-1857
- Zimmerman, Hartley, 1840-1910
- Zimmerman, Isreal, 1828-1863
- Zimmerman, Margaret, 1805-1879
- Zimmerman, Michael
- Zimmerman, Peggy, Slave of Davd Zimmerman

### Subject(s)

- Civil War, 1861-1865
  - Distilling industries--North Carolina
  - Estates--North Carolina
  - Presidents--United States--Election--1872
  - Slave records--North Carolina--Burke County
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## General note

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## Sources

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North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster

U.S. Census: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910

Burke County, North Carolina, Register of Deeds-Public Access

Biographical information within papers



## Correspondence,

## Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1857-1893	Box PC. 2056	Folder 1
<p>Pre-Civil War letters are written to Margaret Zimmerman from her sisters in Dallas, Missouri, and Washington County [state unknown]. Civil War letters are written to Margaret Zimmerman from her sons, David and Hartley. The two letters from David are written first from a military hospital in Danville, Virginia and later Goldsboro, North Carolina. One letter from Hartley is written from the Huguenot Springs Hospital, Chesterfield County, Virginia. Later correspondence is primarily between Hartley and David with a few letters to Hartley from other relations. There are a few postal cards written to Honorable J.R. Ellis and P.A. Warlick both in Hickory, North Carolina. These cards along with a letter written to Miss Sophie Avery have an unknown connection to the Zimmerman family.</p> <p>Contents:</p> <p>1857, December 24, Letter from Dallas, Mizouri to sister, Margaret Zimmerman</p> <p>1858, January 28, Letter to Margaret Zimmerman from sister, signed William, Ann, Smith</p> <p>1863, May 12, Letter to mother from D. Zimmerman from Danville hospital, also to brother Israel on back</p> <p>1863, August, Letter to mother from H. Zimmerman from Huguenot Springs Hospital, Chesterfield, Virginia</p> <p>1863, September Letter to mother from D. Zimmerman from Goldsboro, North Carolina</p>		

**Deeds, Land, and Estate Records,**

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1869, June 28, Letter to H. Zimmerman from D. Zimmerman from North Bend, DeKalb County, Alabama

1870, January 8, Letter from D. Zimmerman trying to protect his property to H. Zimmerman, his brother

1875, Febraury 24, Letter to Col. S. McD? from H. Zimmerman, includes sketch of plot

1875, February 24, Postal card to Hon. J.R. Ellis in Hickory, North Carolina from F.M. Carter

1875, April 8, Postal Card to Hon. J.R. Ellis, Hickory, North Carolina from F.M. Carter, Farmington, St. Francis County, Missouri

1876, March 17, Postal card to Hon. J.R. Ellis in Hickory, North Carolina from F.M. Carter

1877, February 24, Postal card to Hon. J.R. Ellis in Hickory, North Carolina from F.M. Carter

ca. 1878, December 11, Postal card to P.A. Warlick, Hickory, North Carolina from H. Henry, Marshall, North Carolina

1878, December 21, Postal card to P.A. Warlick, Hickory, North Carolina from P.A. Cumming [?], Marshall, North Carolina

1888, May 22, Letter to Miss Sophia Avery, Burke County, from Willie Brown, Ashford, North Carolina

1893, September 11, Letter to Louis Page from H. Zimmerman asking for money owed

**Deeds, Land, and Estate Records, 1829-1880**

Collection includes deeds and land records beginning in 1830 for land purchased near Jumping Run in Burke County by David Zimmerman. Other papers include what appears to be copies of an earlier deed

## Deeds, Land, and Estate Records,

(1800) belonging to Gilbert Bowman for land also located on Jumping Run. Administration of estate documents are included for David and Margaret, their son Israel, and Margaret's father, Jacob Hart.

	Box	Folder
Deeds and Land Records, 1830-1875	PC. 2056	2
1830, October 7, Deed to David Zimmerman from Samuel Franklin		
1870, September 5, Deed to Hartley Zimmerman from David Zimmerman		
1875, January 30, Statement by William M. Howerton, Secretary of State, stating that Gilbert Bowman bought land, certifying deed, Dec. 11, 1800		
1875, January 30, Statement by William M. Howerton, Secretary of State, stating land surveying, survey, May 5, 1800		
N.D., Deed to David Zimmerman and wife, (no date, on scrap of paper, no signature)		
Estates, Zimmerman, David, 1857-1859, 1880	PC. 2056	3
1857, September -November, Judgment against David Zimmerman of \$67.25 for Doctor's services		
1857, December 22, Paper concerning Zimmerman sale, signed A. Hart from Brandon Bottoms to Mr. Johnson Warlick		
1859, July 6, Doctor's bill against the estate of David Zimmerman by Dr. James R. Ellis for \$160.00 for visits		
1859, September 14, appointed a committee to audit and settle with Phillip Warlick, administrator of David Zimmerman		
ca. 1857-1959 List of debts against the estate of David Zimmerman		

**Military Records,**

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1880, January 17, Appointing Hartley Zimmerman administrator of the estate of David Zimmerman

Estates, Zimmerman, Israel, 1877-1878	PC. 2056	4
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1877, Hartley Zimmerman declared administrator of Israel Zimmerman who left no will

1878, March 4, Deed of real estate Israel Zimmerman bought by Margaret Zimmerman for \$225.00, administrator was Hartley Zimmerman

Estates, Zimmerman, Margaret, 1879	PC. 2056	5
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1879, September 23, Hartley Zimmerman, administrator from Margaret Zimmerman, to settle estate by auction

ca. 1879, List of personal property owned by Margaret Zimmerman

Estates, Hart, Jacob, 1829	PC. 2056	6
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1829, May, Settlement in the estate of Jacob Hart, \$3.34 paid David Zimmerman, administrator for Estate, by Margaret and Sary [Sarah] Hart

**Military Records, 1827-1868**

The earliest military record is for David Zimmerman in 1827 who was found exempt from military duty. Later papers are related to David C. and Hartley Zimmerman. Both were wounded in the Civil War. Accordingly this collection includes furloughs and orders received due to their injuries. Of particular interest is a "Paroled Prisoner's Pass" given to Hartley at Appomattox, Virginia. There is also a collection

## Military Records,

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of Confederate medical documents concerning Hartley, including an application to the Invalid Corps. Two of the documents are signed by Colonel Walter H. Taylor, Robert E. Lee's adjutant and Major-General Bushrod Johnson, Zimmerman's division commander. Among the papers related to David C. Zimmerman is his "Certificate of Release of Prisoner of War, Point Lookout, Maryland" Oaths of Alligiance to United States are included for David, Hartley, David C., and William H. Knox, a brother-in-law.

	Box	Folder
Militia Papers- Civil War, Zimmerman, David, 1827	PC. 2056	7
1827, March 3, "This is to certify that David Zimmerman appeared at the court martial and after examination on oath we deem him incapable of performing military duty it is therefore ordered by said court that he be exempt from the same. This 3rd March 1827, [signed by] Joseph Connelly Capt"		
Military Papers- Civil War, Zimmerman, Hartley, 1862-1868	PC. 2056	8
1862, November 26, Military pass from Richmond to Icard Station		
1862, November 26, Military pass to Icard Station		
1863, April 14, Passport Office , Goldsboro, North Carolina to Icard Station, signed by Walter H. Taylor		
1863, November 26, Furlough to Burke County for one month by the Board of Surgeons		
1864, January 4, Private H. Zimmerman reported at Salisbury carrying special orders transferring him because of disability from wound		
1864, March 4, Uniform, clothing, pay statement to Private H. Zimmerman		
1864, July 12, Furlough by the Medical Examining Board for 30 days		

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1864, September 16, Headquarters post commandant to H. Zimmerman from Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit Icard Station and return (Confederate States of America signed by W.J. Hoke, PM by I.F. Liddy, clerk)

1864, October 14, Headquarters post commandant to H. Zimmerman from Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit Icard Station and return (Confederate States of America signed by G.W. Gragson, PM by I.F. Liddy, clerk)

1864, December 2, Headquarters post commandant to H. Zimmerman from Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit Icard Station and return (Confederate States of America signed by G.W. Gragson, PM by I.F. Liddy, clerk)

1864, December 2, Discharge from hospital of H. Zimmerman, report to duty to Petersburg, Virginia

1864, December 18th, Letter to Commanding Officer, P. Berry, Co. K, 35th North Carolina Regiment, from Hartley Zimmerman notifying him of an application for authority to appear before a medical examining board to be examined and retired due to a gunshot wound received at the Battle of Plymouth on April 20, 1862

1864, December 27, Medical Examining Board does not approve application

1865, March 27, Permission request for H. Zimmerman to go to cook rations for the Company

1865, April 10, Paroled Prisoner Pass to go home, Appomattox Court House, Virginia

1867, June 8 Statement that H. Zimmerman not fit for manual labor due to gunshot wound in arm

1868, Statement by T.S. Dorsey, clerk, about H. Zimmerman's war record and wounds

Confederate Two Dollar Bill

**Bills, Notes, and Receipts,**

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**Military Papers- Civil War, Zimmerman, David, 1864-1865**

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1864, November 24, Application for authority to appear before a Medical Examining Board

1864, January 26, Permission for furlough

1865, June 22, Certificate of Release of Prisoner of War, Point Lookout, Maryland and Oath of Allegiance to United States

**Oaths of Allegiance, 1865**

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1865, August 30, Hartley Zimmerman

1865, August 30, David Zimmerman

1865, August 31, W. H. Knox

**Bills, Notes, and Receipts, 1797-1885**

In addition to tax receipts with the names of several family members, there are receipts and notes for goods and services. A fragment of a receipt for a still in 1789 is the first in a collection of distillery records. Other papers include a Confederate States "Form of Notice" issued by the impressment branch of the Confederate State Quartermaster Department and a "Form of Registry from the Confederate government both dated 1864. Additionally, there are two tax receipts dated 1867 from the United State Internal Revenue Department. Also, important to this collection are two slave papers. The first is permission for a slave named Issac to trade goods on his own account, while the other is a slave bill of sale for an eight year old girl named, Peggy. One slave, a girl age 15, is enlisted to David Zimmerman on the 1850 slave schedule. One may presume this is the same girl as the age of Peggy in 1850 would have been 15 years old. Several papers including notes contain the names of men with an unknown relationship to the Zimmerman family.

**Bills, Notes, and Receipts,**

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Tax Receipts (David Zimmerman), 1825-1855	PC. 2056	11
	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Box</b>
Tax Receipts (Hartley Zimmerman), 1869-1877	PC. 2056	12
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Tax Receipts (Margaret Zimmerman), 1860-1877	PC. 2056	13
Tax Receipts (Michael Zimmerman), 1797-1806	PC. 2056	14
Distillery, 1789-1867	PC. 2056	15
1789, November, Fragment of receipt for still		
1864, August 11, License of David Zimmerman to distill fruits, signed T.A. Dorsey		
1864, October 17, Order to Margaret Zimmerman from the Commissary General of the Confederate States to collect supplies (on the subject of impressments)		
1867, April 15, U.S. Internal Revenue from Margaret Zimmerman excise tax for \$99.00 for 60 gals. of brandy		
1867, July 16, U.S. Internal Revenue from Margaret Zimmerman \$13.75 assessed from distiller		
Bills and Receipts, 1789-1872	PC. 2056	16
Note, Aaron Master to John Wilfong \$10.00 1807	PC. 2056	17



**Miscellaneous Family Records,**

1807, Note, Aaron Master owed John Wilfong \$10.00

Promissory Notes, 1834-1885

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Permission for a slave, Issac to trade for goods, 1824

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1824, March 10, Issac trades 2 gallons of whiskey and 2 dozen apples on his own account, C. Williams for Tho. Williarsy

Slave Bill of Sale, Peggy sold to David Zimmerman, 1843

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1843, November 3, Bill of Sale \$210 for 8 year old girl named Peggy, to David Zimmerman

**Miscellaneous Family Records, 1757-1885**

Collection includes vital records for various family members including marriage, birth, and death notices for David and Margaret Zimmerman and Sarah Hart (sister to Margaret?). One paper in German names John Michael Zimmerman, and appears to be an announcement of his baptism. Finally there are a few miscellaneous records such as an order from the Burke County Board of Commissioners releasing David Zimmerman from military duty because of physical disability, and an order appointing Hartley Zimmerman Overseer of Roads.

**Box Folder**

Vital Records, 1757-1885

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ca. 1757, Paper in German-John Michael Zimmerman

**Presidential Campaign Ticket: Democratic Party**

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1805, Statement of birthdate of Peggy Hart, born January 22, 1805 and Sarah Hart, born December 12, 1798

1822, July 23, Marriage Certificate for David Zimmerman and Margaret Hart, Burke County

1864, November 19, Statement of death date of Sarah Hart

ca. 1885, Statement of death date of Sarah Hart, November 19, 1864, Margaret Zimmerman, July 9, 1879, Catherine Berry, September 19, 1885

Miscellaneous Papers, 1789-1880

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1872, May 21, Board of Commission of Burke County stating that David Zimmerman is not able to work on public roads or perform military duty for 12 months from May 21, 1872, signed by WT Harbison, Clk

1880, May 15, Paper appointing Hartley Zimmerman as Overseer of the Road at Icard Township

ca? Handwritten form of copy of electrical contract (right to erect power poles)

n.d. Poem "Parting Lore"

Empty Envelopes

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**Presidential Campaign Ticket: Democratic Party 1872**

This presidential campaign ticket for the 1872 presidential election details the names of the Democratic candidates, Horace Greeley (President) and B. Gratz Brown (Vice President) as well as Electors for the "State at Large" and "Congressional Districts."